

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-19 as follows:

1. (Amended) A device for the supply of a gas to an area ~~(V)~~, ~~wherein the device includes comprising:~~ a supply conduit (1), which is connectable to a gas source (2) and which includes an outlet end, and a porous body (3), which is provided at said outlet end, wherein the device is arranged to permit said supply of gas through the porous body (3), ~~characterised in that~~ the device includes an attachment member (15), which includes a surface (15') and a channel (16) extending through the surface, wherein the porous body (3) is attached to said surface (15') and wherein the outlet end is connected to the attachment member (15) for permitting said supply via said channel (16).

2. (Amended) A device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said surface of the attachment member (15) covers substantially the whole porous body (3) seen in a first direction (x) extending from the attachment member (15) through the body (3).

3. (Amended) A device according ~~any one of claims 1 and 2,~~ characterised in that to claim 1, wherein the attachment member (15) includes a sleeve (17), which extends outwardly away from the porous body (3) and which is connected to the outlet end, wherein the channel (16) extends through the sleeve (17).

4. (Amended) A device according to ~~claims 2 and 3~~, characterised in that claim 2, wherein the sleeve (17) extends in a direction forming an angle to the first direction (x), wherein said angle is 0 to 90°.

5. (Amended) A device according to ~~any one of claims 3 and 4~~, characterised in that claim 3, wherein the supply conduit (1) projects into the sleeve (17), or that the sleeve (17) projects into the supply conduit (1).

6. (Amended) A device according to ~~any one of claims 2 and 5~~, characterised in that claim 2, wherein the attachment member (15) and the porous body (3) are substantially circular seen in the first direction (x).

7. (Amended) A device according to claim 6, characterised in that wherein the porous body (3) has a substantially semispherical surface which faces away from the attachment member (15).

8. (Amended) A device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that to claim 1, wherein the supply conduit (1) includes at least a first conduit portion (1') with a casing of a material, which has a large flexibility, and with a means for stiffening (18), which extends along the casing and has a lower flexibility than the casing.

9. (Amended) A device according to claim 8, characterised in that wherein the stiffening means (18) is plastically deformable.

10. (Amended) A device according to ~~any one of claims 8 and 9, characterised in that claim 8, wherein the stiffening means-(18) includes a metal wire.~~

11. (Amended) A device according to ~~any one of claims 8 and 10 characterised in that claim 8, wherein the stiffening means-(18) extend substantially freely within the first conduit portion-(1') of the supply conduit-(1).~~

12. (Amended) A device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims characterised in that claim 1, wherein the porous body-(3) is manufactured of a foam rubber-like material.~~

13. (Amended) A device according to claim 12, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the foam rubber-like material includes polyurethane foam with open cells.

14. (Amended) A device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that claim 1, wherein the porous body-(3) is manufactured of a permeable material including at least one of paper, felt, sinter metal and filter material.~~

15. (Amended) A device according to ~~any one of claims 12 and 14 characterised in that claim 12, wherein the porous body-(3) includes a homogenous body.~~

16. (Amended) A device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterised in that claim 1, wherein~~ the device includes a filter ~~(10)~~, which is arranged
on the supply conduit ~~(1)~~ for filtering said gas flowing through the supply conduit.

17. (Amended) A device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterised in that claim 1, wherein~~ said gas includes a main component which is
carbon dioxide.

18. (Amended) A device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterised in that claim 1, wherein~~ the porous body ~~(3)~~ is arranged to supply said gas in
a control flow in order to enable deformation of a gas cushion, which is intended to
substantially fill a volume at said area ~~(V)~~ and thus prevents air from the surroundings to
reach said area ~~(V)~~.

19. (Amended) A device according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterised in that claim 1, wherein~~ said area ~~(V)~~ adjoins an inner portion ~~(P)~~ of the
body of a human being or an animal, which portion is open outwardly towards the
surroundings, wherein the porous body ~~(3)~~ is arranged to be located at said outwardly
open inner portion ~~(P)~~.